CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of stop-overs made by the Aeroflot flights in India and those of the Air India flights in Soviet Union;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the number of these stop-overs in both the countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Aeroflot has four stop-overs in India, namely Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Lucknow. (Bombay and Lucknow may be used for only technical landings for refuelling and repairing purposes). Similarly, Air India has four stop-overs in USSR, namely, Moscow, Tashkent, Frunze and Aktyubinsk (from October 1987) —Frunze and Aktyubinsk are to be used only for technical landings.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Annual Swami Pranavananda awards

1131. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the University Grants Commission has selected 10 scholars for its annual Swami Pranavananda awards;

(b) if so, what are the criteria and procedure for selecting these scholars and what are the names and qualifications of those scholars in various fields;

(c) who were the members of the Selection Committee who had selected those scholars and what were the criteria and procedure for the formation of the Selection Committee; and

(d) details about the terms and conditions of Swami Pranavananda Awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These awards are made to eminent scholars in the fields of Education, Sociology (including Social Anthropology), Economics, Political Science, Ecology and Environmental Sciences, selected by a Committee appointed by the UGC. The names of the scholars selected for these awards during 1986 and 1987 are:

1986-87

EDUCATION

1. Prof. Nurul Hasan
   Governor of West Bengal
   Raj Bhavan, Calcutta. 1987
2. Dr. (Mrs.) Madhuri R. Shah
   Former Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi,

SOCIOLOGY

3. Dr. M. S. Gore
   C/o Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay.
4. Prof. A. R. Desai
   Jaikutir, Taikalwadi Lane Matunga, Bombay.

ECONOMICS

5. Prof. A. K. Sen
   Drummond Professor of Political Economy Oxford University, Oxford.
6. Prof. Jagdish Bhagwati
   Department of Economics Columbia University, New York (USA).

POLITICAL SCIENCE

7. Prof. Iqbal Narain
   Member Secretary ICSSR, New Delhi.
8. Prof. G. Rama Reddy
   Vice-Chancellor Indira Gandhi National Open University, New

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND ECOLOGY

9. Prof. R. Mishra
   Fellow National Science Academy, New, Delhi.

10. Prof. S. Krishnaswamy
Vice-Chancellor Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

(c) The Selection Committee constituted by the UGC consisted of Prof. Anita Banerji, Prof. Y. B. Damle, Prof. Yogendra Singh, Prof. Iqbal Narain, Prof. Usha Mehta, Prof. J. S. Singh and Prof. Madhuri R. Shah.

(d) The awards have been instituted on the basis of a proposal from Swami Pranavananda Saraswati, Director, Yoga Societies in America. The value of these awards was Rs. 5,000.00 which has now been increased to Rs. 10,000.00. Contributions by Indian Nationals working in, or associated with, the university system, either individually or jointly, during the last five to seven years are considered for the purpose of selection. These contributions could be in the form of books, monographs, papers and other relevant material which has contributed to the growth of the discipline. The research work should have been largely carried out in India. There is no age limit for the awards.

Adulteration of food stuffs

1132. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the percentage of adulteration in food stuffs during the last three years, state-wise, and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in adulteration in food stuffs during the above period; and

(c) the details of the action taken by Government for checking this trend and details of action taken against those found guilty of adulteration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A statement is annexed. [*See* Appendix CXLII Annexure No. 62]

(b) and (c) The available information does not indicate any increase in the extent of adulteration in the food-stuffs in the country. The State/Union Territory Governments have been advised to strengthen the Prevention of Food Adulteration Enforcement machinery for better implementation of the Provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954. The persons found guilty of manufacturing, storing or selling adulterated food stuffs are penalised by courts under the law.

Obscene films and Film posters in Dehli

1133. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI F. M. KHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding display of obscene films and film posters in Delhi as well as in some other parts of the country; and

(b) if so, whether this is due to the laxity in the censorship as also in the enforcement of Cinematograph Act by the Administration and if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take to check the production and public exhibition of such unhealthy films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) Yes, Sir. From time to time, the Government have been receiving complaints regarding display of obscene films and film posters in Delhi and other parts of the country.